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**The Chemistry and Isotopic Composition of Waters in the  
Low-Enthalpy Geothermal System of Cimino-Vico Volcanic  
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## 12    **ABSTRACT**

13    Geothermal energy exploration is based in part on interpretation of the chemistry, temperature, and  
14    discharge rate of thermal springs. Here we present the major element chemistry and the  $\delta D$ ,  $\delta^{18}O$ ,  
15     $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  and  $\delta^{11}B$  of groundwater from the low-enthalpy geothermal system near the city of Viterbo  
16    in the Cimino-Vico volcanic district of west-Central Italy. The geothermal system hosts many  
17    thermal springs and gas vents, but the resource is still unexploited. Water chemistry is controlled by  
18    mixing between low salinity and  $HCO_3$ -rich fresh waters ( $<24.2^\circ C$ ) flowing in shallow volcanic  
19    rocks and  $SO_4$ -rich thermal waters ( $25.3^\circ C$  to  $62.2^\circ C$ ) ascending from deep, high permeability  
20    Mesozoic limestones. The (equivalent)  $SO_4/Cl$  (0.01-0.02),  $Na/Cl$  (2.82-5.83) and  $B/Cl$  (0.02-0.38)  
21    of thermal waters differs from the ratios in other geothermal systems in Central Italy, probably  
22    implying a lack of hydraulic continuity across the region. The  $\delta^{18}O$  ( $-6.6\text{‰}$  to  $-5.9\text{‰}$ ) and  $\delta D$  ( $-$   
23     $40.60\text{‰}$  to  $-36.30\text{‰}$ ) of spring water suggest that the recharge area for the geothermal system is the  
24    summit region of Mount Cimino. The strontium isotope ratios ( $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ ) of thermal waters  
25    (0.70797-0.70805) are consistent with dissolution of the Mesozoic evaporite-carbonate units that  
26    make up the reservoir, and the ratios of cold fresh waters mainly reflect shallow circulation through  
27    the volcanic cover but some admixture ( $<10\%$ ) of thermal water as well. The boron isotope  
28    composition ( $\delta^{11}B$ ) of fresh waters ( $-5.00$  and  $6.12\text{‰}$ ) is similar to those of the volcanic cover, but  
29    the  $\delta^{11}B$  of thermal waters ( $-8.37\text{‰}$  to  $-4.12\text{‰}$ ) is a mismatch for the Mesozoic reservoir rocks and  
30    instead reflects dissolution of secondary boron minerals during fluid ascent through flysch units that  
31    overlie the reservoir. A slow and tortuous ascent enhances extraction of boron but also promotes  
32    conductive cooling, partially masking the heat present in the reservoir. Overall data from this study  
33    is consistent with previous studies that concluded that the geothermal system has a large energy  
34    potential.

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## 1. Introduction

In the past few decades the development of geothermal energy resources has expanded worldwide as a sustainable and renewable source for electricity generation and heating applications (e.g. Moore and Simmons, 2013). Geothermal systems are classified based on the reservoir temperature and there are various criteria for their classification (Williams et al., 2011). Low-enthalpy (or low-temperature) geothermal systems have been classified by the U.S. Geological Survey as those with reservoir temperatures of less than 90 °C (Reed, 1983; Williams et al., 2008) and by others at <125 °C (Hochstein, 1988), and <150 °C (e.g. Nicholson, 1993). In many countries low-enthalpy geothermal resources are typically used for bathing, heating, greenhouses, and ground source heat pumps (Lund et al., 2011; Moore and Simmons, 2013); they can also be exploited for electric power generation if sufficiently low temperatures are available for cooling the working fluid in a binary power plant (Williams et al., 2008).

Geothermal energy exploration is based in large part on the characterization of water, gas, and rock chemistry, reservoir permeability, and the rates of water recharge into the reservoir. In the past several decades many geochemical indicators have been developed to assess the state of the geothermal reservoir to reduce the high costs of exploratory drilling (e.g. Arnórsson, 2000; Boschetti, 2013; Capaccioni et al., 2014; Fournier, 1981; Fournier and Truesdell, 1973; Fournier, 1977; Giggenbach, 1988, 1992; Spycher et al., 2011). In geothermal resource exploration and assessment, the stable isotopes of water ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$ ) have been widely used as tracers for the origin of groundwater and for water-rock interaction, and as indicators for mixing of waters from different sources. The isotopic composition of strontium ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ) provides information on flow paths and mixing of waters because strontium is readily leached from rocks (e.g. Boschetti et al., 2005; Dotsika et al., 2010; Lee et al., 2011; ; Negrel et al., 1999; Peiffer et al., 2011; Pennisi et al., 2006). Boron stable isotopes are applied in geothermal exploration, because boron is highly incompatible during the water-rock interaction and because incorporation of boron into secondary

minerals fractionates its isotopes (e.g. Ellis and Mahon, 1964, 1967; Leeman et al., 2005; Millot et al., 2012; Palmer and Sturchio, 1990).

In this study we present the major element chemistry and the  $\delta D$ ,  $\delta^{18}O$ ,  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$  and  $\delta^{11}B$  of groundwater from the low-enthalpy geothermal system near the city of Viterbo in the Cimino-Vico volcanic district of west-Central Italy (Figure 1). The region hosts many thermal springs and gas vents and is a part of a larger thermally anomaly that extends from southern Tuscany in the north to the active volcanic areas of Phlegrean Fields and Vesuvius (Figure 1). The geothermal resource in the area is still unexploited despite its large potential (Cinti et al., 2014, 2015). The specific goals of this study are to (1) characterize the processes controlling water chemistry in the Cimino-Vico area, (2) characterize the processes controlling the isotopic systematics of boron and strontium in low enthalpy hydrothermal systems, and (3) use the geochemical and isotopic data to provide new insights on the groundwater circulation in the area, which in turn, provide information on the potential for geothermal energy production.

## **2. Geological framework**

Volcanic activity which gave rise to the Cimino and Vico complexes started at 1.35 Ma with explosive and effusive activity of the Cimino complex. Between 0.8 and 0.3 Ma, the Vico complex was active, with a central caldera that now hosts Vico Lake (Figure 1). The Cimino volcanic products include rhyodacites, latitic ignimbrites and olivine-latitic lavas, and are mostly covered by the K-alkaline pyroclastic deposits from the Vico volcanics, consisting of undersaturated trachytes, phonolites, tephritic phonolites, tephrites, and subordinate tuffs (Arnone, 1979; Gambardella et al., 2005; Sollevanti, 1983). Northwest and northeast striking extensional faults divide the substratum rocks and control the horst and graben pattern (Baiocchi et al., 2013). Ongoing magmatic activity is manifested by several geothermal anomalies, thermal springs, CO<sub>2</sub>-rich vents and active travertine deposition.

The hydrogeology of the Cimino-Vico geothermal area has been widely studied and the

hydrostratigraphic sequence was defined (Angelone et al., 2008; Arnone, 1979; Baiocchi et al., 2013; Chiocchini et al., 2010; Piscopo et al., 2006) (Figure 2). The high permeability Mesozoic limestone in Central Italy is the primary regional groundwater aquifer which hosts numerous geothermal reservoirs with temperatures ranging between 48°C and 115°C (Minissale, 2004). The reservoir temperature of Cimino-Vico geothermal system is ~94°C, based on multicomponent geothermometry (Battistel et al., 2014). Abundant CO<sub>2</sub> from active metamorphism is dissolved in the aquifer (Chiodini et al., 1999; Duchi et al., 1987; Minissale and Duchi, 1988). The shallow (<200 m) fresh-water aquifer in the volcanic products of Cimino and Vico and the deep regional aquifer are separated by low-permeability Pliocene-Pleistocene sediments and Cretaceous-Oligocene flysch deposits (Ligurian Units) (Figure 2). Thermal groundwater from the deep reservoir ascends through fractures and faults in the sedimentary substratum (Angelone et al., 2008; Arnone, 1979; Baiocchi et al., 2012; Chiocchini et al., 2010; Piscopo et al., 2006). The aquifer system is bounded laterally by the Pliocene- Pleistocene sedimentary complex and Cretaceous-Oligocene flysch units.

### 3. Sampling and laboratory analysis

Twenty-three water samples from springs and private wells (Figure 1) used for agricultural water supply were sampled between October 2011 and August 2012. Samples for major element chemistry were collected in 50 ml high-density polyethylene bottles and filtered in the field with a 0.45 µm filter. Water temperature, electrical conductivity (EC) and pH were measured in the field. Alkalinity was determined in the field by titration with 0.1 N HCl. Major element concentrations were determined at the Geochemistry laboratory of Sapienza University in Rome with a Dionex DX-120 ion chromatograph (precision ±2%) with a Dionex CS-12 column for cations and a Dionex AS9-SC column for anions. Nine samples were collected in 50 ml cleaned glass bottles and analysed for δ<sup>18</sup>O and δD compositions at the U.S. Geological Survey Stable Isotope Laboratory in Reston, Virginia. δ<sup>18</sup>O values were determined using the CO<sub>2</sub> equilibration technique of Epstein and

111 Mayeda (1953), which has been automated (Révész and Coplen, 2008).  $\delta D$  compositions were  
112 determined using a hydrogen equilibration technique (Coplen et al., 1991; Révész and Coplen,  
113 2008). The  $2\sigma$  uncertainties of oxygen and hydrogen isotopic results are 0.2‰ and 2‰, respectively  
114 and the results are reported in per mill (‰) relative to VSMOW (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean  
115 Water).

116 Fourteen additional filtered samples were collected in 15 ml high-density polyethylene bottles  
117 for strontium and boron concentrations and isotope analyses. The samples were acidified with ultra-  
118 pure nitric acid to a pH of about 2 in the field. Strontium and boron concentrations were measured  
119 at the Geochemistry laboratory of Sapienza University in Rome using ICP-MS (X Serie 2 Thermo  
120 Fisher Scientific) with an analytical accuracy of 2% to 5%. The strontium isotope ratios were  
121 measured on a Finnigan MAT 261 Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometer (TIMS) at the USGS  
122 Metal and Metalloid Isotope Laboratory in Menlo Park, CA. Reported values have been corrected  
123 for natural and analytical stable isotope fractionation to  $^{88}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 8.37515$  and then adjusted to the  
124 NBS987 standard value of 0.71024. The values are precise to 0.00002 at the 95% confidence level.  
125 Boron isotope analysis were carried out by negative TIMS (Vengosh et al., 1989; Zeininger and  
126 Heumann, 1983) at the USGS Metal and Metalloid Isotope Laboratory in Menlo Park, CA.  
127 Sufficient water to supply 2 ng of B was loaded directly onto degassed, zone-refined Re filaments.  
128 The B isotopes were measured as the  $\text{BO}_2$  species at masses 42 and 43. The typical agreement of  
129 replicate analyses of a sample is within 1‰. Isotope ratios are reported as permil deviation ( $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ) in  
130 the  $^{11}\text{B}/^{10}\text{B}$  ratios relative to the standard NBS SRM 951 and the analytical precision is  $\pm 0.5\text{‰}$  as  
131  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ .

#### 132 **4. Results**

133 The chemical composition of groundwater samples from Cimino-Vico thermal area is reported  
134 in Table 1. The charge balance of all samples is within  $\pm 4\%$ . The waters sampled are classified as  
135 either  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ -rich fresh waters ( $T < 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $6.4 < \text{pH} < 7.4$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4$  of 1.1-16.4 equivalent) or  $\text{SO}_4^-$ -

rich thermal waters ( $T > 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $5.8 < \text{pH} < 7.0$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3/\text{SO}_4$  of 0.3-1.7 equivalent) (Figures 3-6, Table 1). The thermal waters have  $\text{Cl}/\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{Na}/\text{Cl}$  equivalent ratios ranging from 0.01 to 0.02 and 2.52 to 5.83 respectively, which considerably differ from the values of other thermal waters in Central Italy (e.g. Minissale et al., 2002). The  $\text{B}/\text{Cl}$  equivalent ratio ranges from 0.003 to 0.04 in the fresh waters and from 0.02 to 0.38 in the thermal samples.

The cation composition of thermal waters ranges between the composition in geothermal well Vetralla 001 VET1 drilled to a depth of 1117 m within the Mesozoic units ~20 km south of the study area (<http://unmig.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/unmig/geotermia/pozzi/dettaglio.asp?cod=136>) and the NaK-rich composition of the Vico rocks (Figure 4). Few thermal water samples bear the signature of the  $\text{Na}^+$ - and  $\text{K}^+$ -rich volcanic substrate of the Cimino-Vico area (Arnone, 1979; Gambardella et al., 2005; Sollevanti, 1983). The high concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (<881 mg/L) and  $\text{SO}_4$  (<1,826 mg/L) in thermal waters traces the interaction with gypsum constituting the Mesozoic units. There is only a weak correlation between water temperature and dissolved ions concentrations, suggesting rapid cooling of the ascending waters.

#### *Isotopic composition of waters*

The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  values of all samples range between -6.6‰ to -5.9‰ and from -40.60‰ to -36.30 ‰, respectively (Table 1, Figure 7) and strontium isotope ratios ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ) range between 0.70797 and 0.71026 (Table 1, Figure 8). The  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values of thermal waters have a narrow range (0.70797-0.70805) and are similar to those of the Mesozoic evaporite-carbonate units ( $0.70778 \pm 0.000110$ ; Boschetti et al. 2005). The cold fresh waters have a wider range of values (0.71086-0.70852) which are generally higher than the ratios in thermal waters, and extend to the values of the volcanic rocks from the Cimino-Vico district, 0.7107-0.7136 (Hurley et al., 1966; Poli et al., 1984; Vollmer, 1976).  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  in thermal waters ranges from -8.37‰ to -4.12‰, and in fresh waters between -5.00 and 6.12‰ (Table 1, Figures 9,10). Samples #14 and #15 have positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of 3.25 and 6.12‰, respectively.



## 5. Discussion

The chemical and isotopic data we have acquired provide new insights on the low-enthalpy Cimino-Vico hydrothermal system. We first discuss the processes that control the groundwater chemistry and then the systematics of strontium and boron isotopes. The data help us resolve groundwater flowpaths, mixing relations, and ultimately energy resource available. The approach we use may be applicable to other, similar low-enthalpy systems in central Italy and elsewhere.

### 5.1 Processes controlling water chemistry

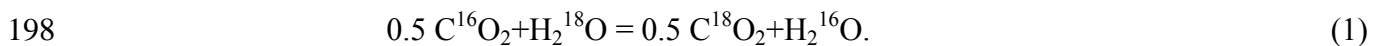
The relatively high temperature of groundwater ascending from depth, the high rate of CO<sub>2</sub> degassing, and the mixing between thermal and fresh waters are reflected in the chemical composition of spring waters in the Cimino-Vico District (Figures 3 and 4). The chemical composition of the thermal waters suggests that in the geothermal reservoir, fluids are in equilibrium with gypsum, quartz, aragonite and calcite (Battistel et al., 2014). The dissolution of sulphate minerals results from groundwater flow in the Mesozoic evaporite-carbonate sequence as inferred from the positive correlation between Ca<sup>2+</sup>+Mg<sup>2+</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>. The enrichment in Ca<sup>2+</sup>+Mg<sup>2+</sup> compared with Na<sup>+</sup>+K<sup>+</sup> (Figures 4, 5) suggests insignificant contributions from silicate weathering in thermal waters.

High HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> concentrations in fresh waters reflect the dissolution of carbonates and CO<sub>2</sub> degassing from the deep geothermal reservoir through the local fault system. The (Ca<sup>2+</sup>+Mg<sup>2+</sup>)/HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ≈ 1 also implies that carbonate dissolution is significant (Figure 5). Silicate weathering is evident in the chemistry of fresh water samples. The dissolution of Na-K-bearing silicate minerals such as leucite and plagioclase, likely resulting from the ingress of CO<sub>2</sub> in the volcanic aquifer increases the ratio Na<sup>+</sup>+K<sup>+</sup>/Ca<sup>2+</sup>+Mg<sup>2+</sup>. Similar to other low-enthalpy geothermal systems, the chemistry of low enthalpy thermal waters of Cimino-Vico system is mainly lithology-dependent and controlled by rock dissolution. In contrast, the chemical composition of high enthalpy thermal fluids is mainly controlled by temperature-dependent reactions between primary and secondary, alteration

186 minerals and by cation exchange processes that result in ion ratios much different from those in the  
187 host rock (Figure 6).

188 The uniform  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  values of Cimino-Vico volcanic waters that plot along the Meteoric  
189 Water Line (Figure 7) suggest a meteoric origin for thermal waters. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  show a  
190 progressive isotope lightening from the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Apennines Chain. The proposed  
191 vertical isotope gradient for Central Italy (-0.3‰ per 100 m; Cinti et al., 2014; Longinelli and  
192 Selmo, 2003; Minissale and Vaselli, 2011; Zuppi et al., 1974,) suggests that recharge is at an  
193 elevation of 400 m to 700 m on the summit of Mount Cimino, consistent with previous studies  
194 (Baiocchi et al., 2006; Cinti et al., 2014; Piscopo et al., 2006). A slight negative shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values  
195 of thermal waters likely results from oxygen exchange between water and  $\text{CO}_2$  derived from  
196 geothermal activity (Negrel et al., 1999):

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200 The relatively low temperature in the geothermal reservoir (Battistel et al., 2014) and the relatively  
201 large effect of the  $\text{CO}_2$  on the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value imply that fluid-rock interaction has a minimal effect on  
202 the isotope ratio (Figure 7).

## 203 *5.2 Processes controlling B and Sr systematics*

204 The  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values in the thermal waters show that the major source of strontium is the  
205 Mesozoic formations hosting evaporite deposits (Figure 8). Overall, the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  values show that  
206 both thermal and fresh waters are actually variable mixtures of the two end-member fluids. The  
207 isotopic ratio of fresh waters samples implies that the fraction of water that circulates only through  
208 the Vico volcanic rocks is 0.9-1 (Figure 8); up to 10% of the water is from the thermal reservoir.  
209 The presence of faults cutting the intervening low-permeability units facilitates the ascent of the  
210 thermal fluids to the surface and the connection between the two aquifers.

211 In hydrothermal systems, both boron and chloride are readily leached from rocks (Ellis and  
212 Mahon 1964, 1967), although high Cl content can also be derived from magma degassing of HCl.  
213 Boron concentrations in water higher than 1 mg/L are generally attributable to hydrothermal  
214 influence (Hem, 1985), and the Cimino-Vico thermal waters mostly meet this criterion. However  
215 the Cimino-Vico hydrothermal system shows a lower chloride content compared to other  
216 geothermal systems (e.g. Central Italy: Boschetti et al., 2005; Minissale et al., 1997; Minissale et  
217 al., 2002; Pennisi et al., 2006. Rest of the world: Arnórsson and Andrésdóttir, 1995; Dotsika et al.,  
218 2010; Millot and Négrel, 2007; Palmer and Sturchio, 1990). Such low Cl concentrations suggest a  
219 highly permeable reservoir that has been flushed repeatedly with water and a reservoir that is  
220 isolated from inputs of magmatic brine or sources of chloride from adjacent geothermal systems. So  
221 the question arises as to why so much boron is still being leached from the subsurface.

222 We propose that boron, like chloride, has already been removed from the Mesozoic reservoir  
223 rocks and the elevated B content in the thermal waters is attributable to the dissolution of the  
224 borosilicate minerals making up the Ligurid units. Flysch rocks are naturally rich in boron (Pennisi  
225 et al., 2000) and in this setting could have been further enriched if the boron removed from the  
226 underlying Mesozoic rocks was redeposited into secondary formation minerals like tourmaline,  
227 during perhaps a previous stage of high enthalpy hydrothermal activity. The aggressiveness of the  
228 presently ascending thermal fluids promotes boron-mineral dissolution, increasing boron  
229 concentration in thermal waters that discharge from the springs.

230 This scenario is confirmed by the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of thermal waters samples that are  
231 anomalously low with respect to their principal circulation in the Mesozoic units (Figure 9). Indeed,  
232 if the thermal waters of meteoric origin (as the water isotopes suggest) circulated only in evaporate  
233 minerals units of marine origin, the value of  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  would range from 18‰ to 32‰ (Barth, 1993).  
234 The values of  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of several of the thermal waters are even lower than the -5‰ characteristic of the  
235 Cimino volcanic rocks (Tonarini et al., 2003) or attributed to the flysch rock (Pennisi et al., 2000)  
236 but are rather comparable to those of hydrothermal tourmalines (Palmer, 1991) and local

237 tourmalines from Central Italy (Figure 9). Coupling the major ion content and  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values, it is  
238 possible to show that thermal waters during their rising circulate within the flysch Ligurids (Figure  
239 2). Because of the low permeability of these flysch units, the flow is very slow, giving the hot  
240 waters time to react and dissolve the borosilicate minerals within the flysch. A slow and tortuous  
241 path through the flysch units, with attendant conductive cooling, can explain the large temperature  
242 range of the thermal springs despite their relatively uniform chemical composition. Despite the  
243 presence of boron-rich minerals such as tourmaline in the Cimino-Vico province, the low boron  
244 concentration of the fresh waters circulating in the volcanics indicates the poor reactivity of these  
245 minerals in dilute waters and the relatively short water-rock interaction. The fresh waters acquire a  
246 boron isotopic signature which is a combination between the negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of the volcanic products  
247 and the positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of the recharge water (the rain water value approaches 40‰ near the coast;  
248 Pennisi et al., 2000), Figure 9.

249 Thus, in low enthalpy geothermal systems both strontium and boron isotopes can be used  
250 as conservative tracers since their chemistry is controlled more by the dissolution of the associated  
251 rocks and less by temperature-dependent fractionation into alteration minerals. Sr traces the  
252 interaction with the parent rocks and can be used to evaluate the mixing.

## 253 **6. Conclusions**

254 Chemical and multi-isotope data of fresh and thermal waters, sampled in the medium-low enthalpy  
255 hydrothermal system located in the Cimino-Vico volcanic district, have been studied. Water  
256 chemistry is controlled by mixing between fresh groundwater flowing in shallow volcanic rocks and  
257 thermal waters ascending from deep, high permeability Mesozoic limestones. Based on major  
258 element chemistry and the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\delta\text{D}$ ,  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  signatures of waters we conclude the  
259 following:

- 260 • The chemical composition of thermal waters (ranging from 25.3°C and 62.2°C) reflect long-  
261 term circulation within the deep geothermal reservoir in the Mesozoic evaporate-carbonate

formations. The chemistry of fresh waters (<24.2°C) differs from the composition of thermal waters and reflects interaction with the Na-K-rich Cimino-Vico volcanics.

- SO<sub>4</sub>/Cl, Na/Cl and B/Cl of thermal waters differ from other hydrothermal systems in Central Italy, probably implying a lack of hydraulic continuity across the region.
- Based on the the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  of spring water, we infer that the recharge area for both the fresh and thermal aquifers is the summit region of Mount Cimino.
- Both  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  can be used as tracer of groundwater mixing and circulation since they behave as conservative tracers in low-enthalpy thermal systems. The boron isotope composition of fresh waters is similar to those of the volcanic rocks constituting the aquifer, whereas the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of thermal waters reflect dissolution of borosilicate minerals during fluid ascent from the deep aquifer.
- The  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  signature shows that thermal waters rising to the surface circulate within the low permeability flysch units.
- The thermal water flow path dictated by our geochemistry data (slow upflow) results in low spring temperatures that partially mask the heat resource of the reservoir. Our data are consistent with a large energy potential in this system.

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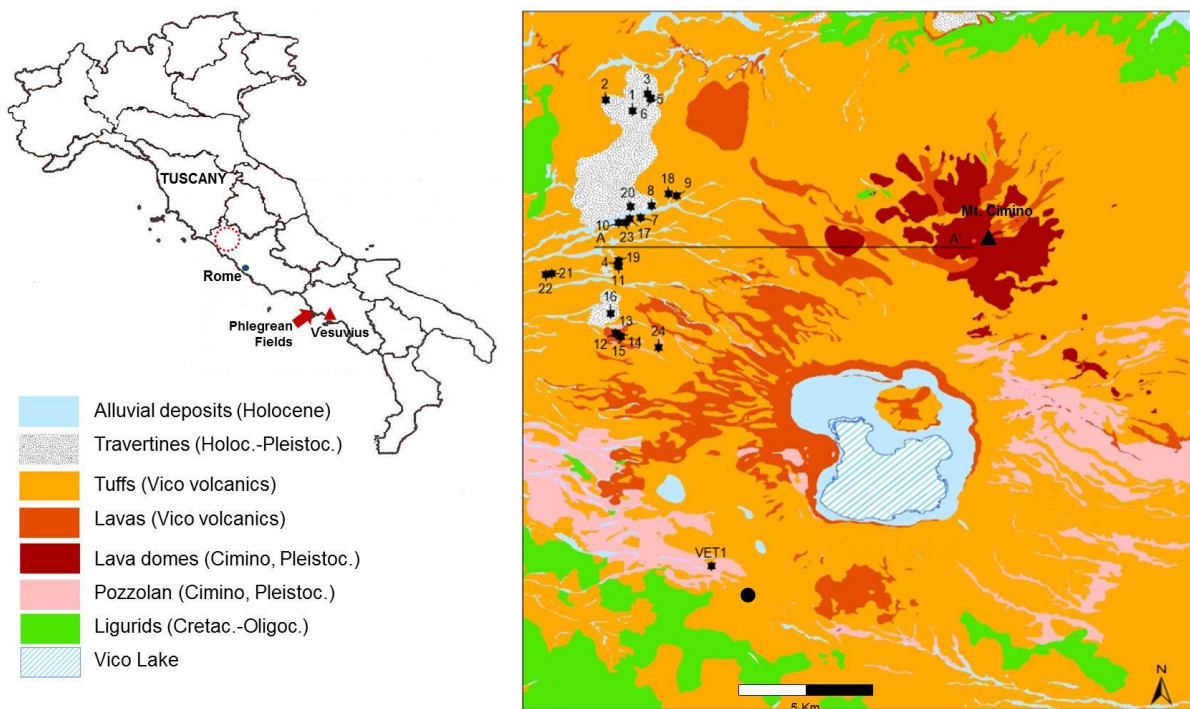
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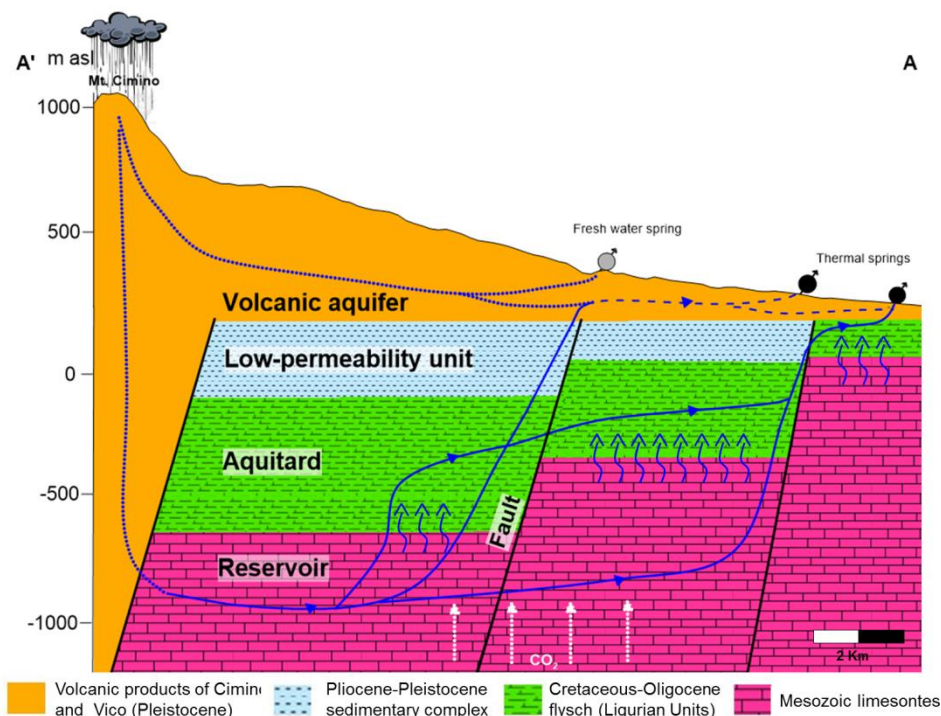
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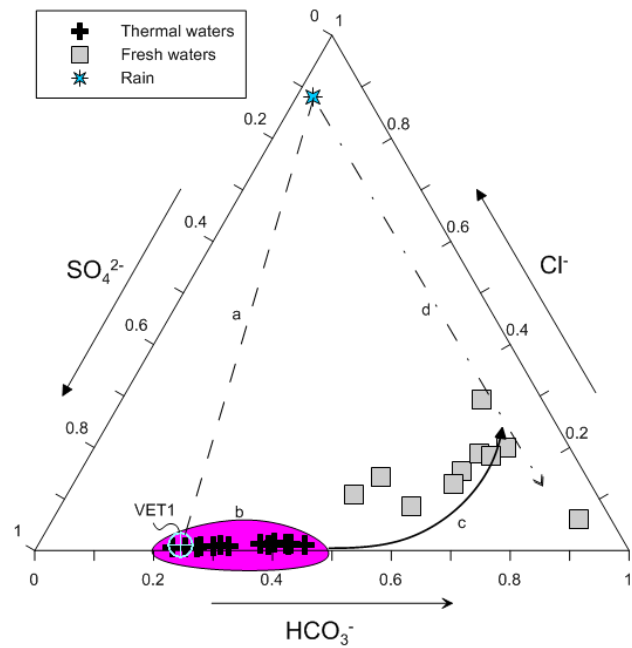
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493 Figure 1. Study area. The dotted circle in the map on the top left represents the enlarged area from  
 494 where samples for this study were collected. The stares represent the sampling points and A-A' is  
 495 the location of the hydrogeological section in figure 2. The circle represents the geothermal well  
 496 VET1, see text for references.



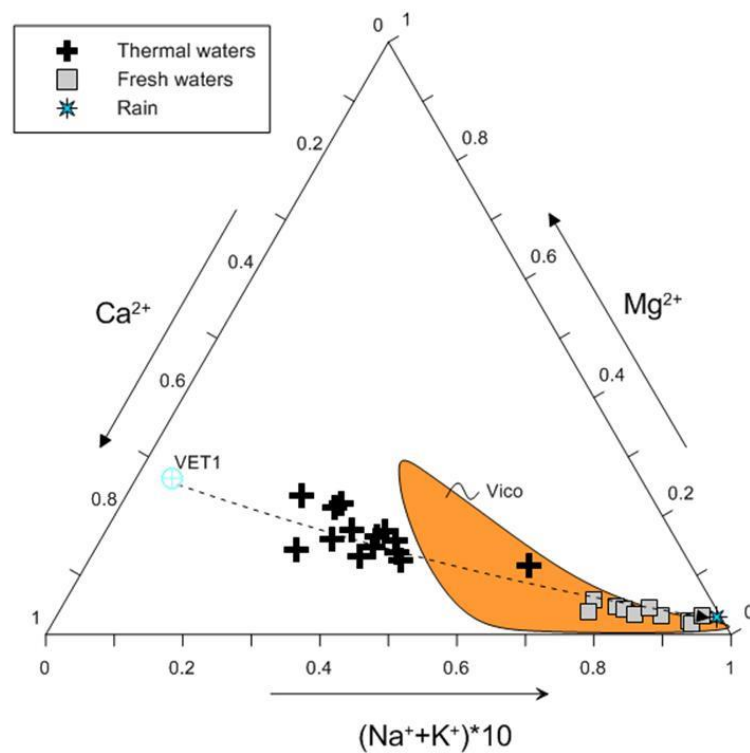
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498 Figure 2. Sketch of the hydrogeological setting of Cimino-Vico hydrothermal system and the  
 499 groundwater circulation along the A-A' section showed in Figure 1. Dotted lines represent fresh  
 500 water, solid lines thermal waters and dashed lines the mixing waters.



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502 Figure 3. Anion composition of water samples (Equivalent/L) of fresh and thermal water: Dashed  
 503 line (a) represents the enrichment in  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  content of rainwater that penetrates down into the  
 504 geothermal reservoir. Grey area (b) is the interaction with carbonate minerals in the reservoir. Solid  
 505 line (c) represents the mixing between thermal and fresh waters. Dashed dotted line (d) is the direct  
 506 recharge of rain water to the shallow aquifer. VET 1 is the composition of the geothermal well  
 507 Vetralla 001 (Figure 1).



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509 Figure 4. Cation composition of water samples (Equivalent) of fresh and thermal water: VET 1 is  
 510 the composition of the geothermal well Vetralla 001 (Figure 1). Dashed line represents the mixing  
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 512 related to the Vico volcanic activity (Gambardella et al., 2005).



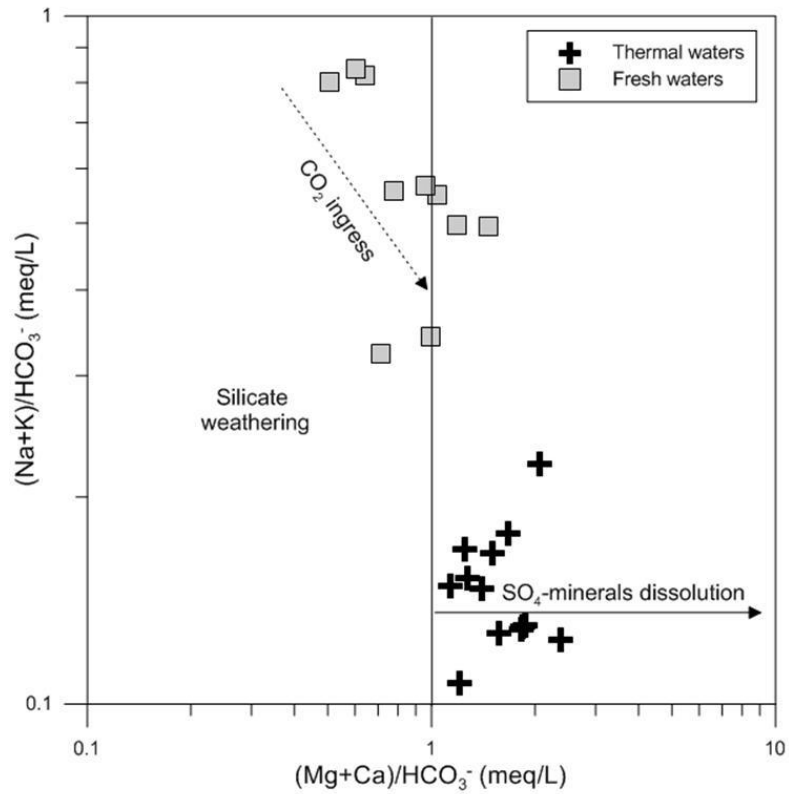


Figure 5. Plot of  $(\text{Na}+\text{K})/\text{HCO}_3^-$  versus  $(\text{Ca}+\text{Mg})/\text{HCO}_3^-$ . For details see text

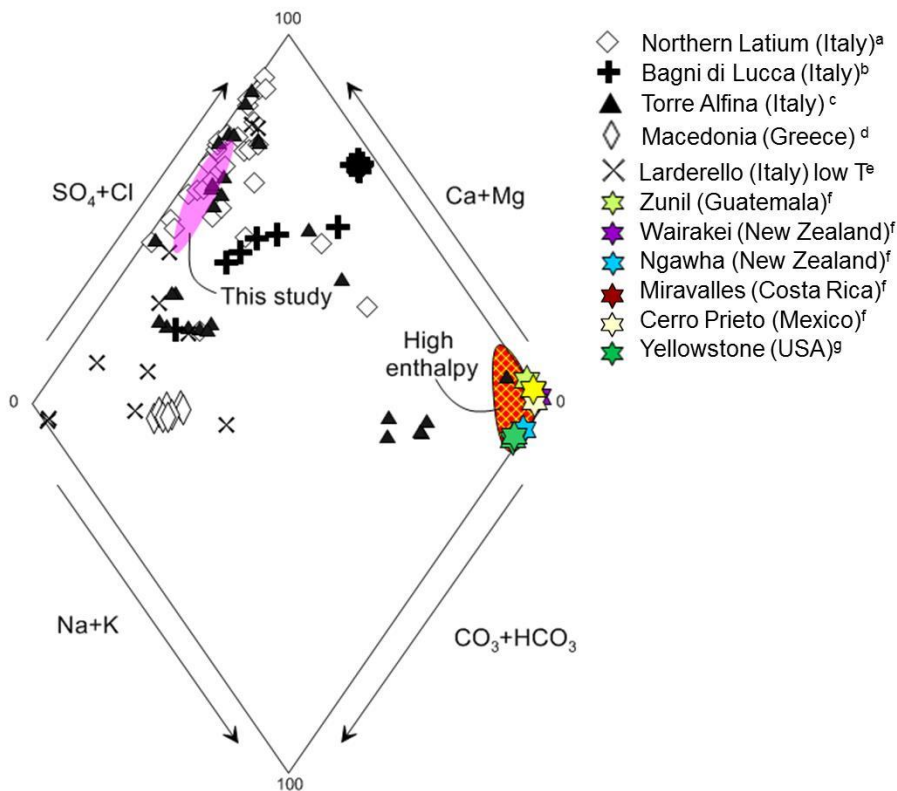


Figure 6. Composition (Equivalent) of thermal waters from different geothermal systems. The colored star symbols represent the water with  $T > 100^\circ\text{C}$ . a- Minissale et al., 2002; b- Boschetti et al., 2005; c- Duchi et al., 1987; d- Dotsika et al., 2010; e- Duchi et al., 1986; f- Giggenbach 1988; g- Thompson and DeMonge 1996.

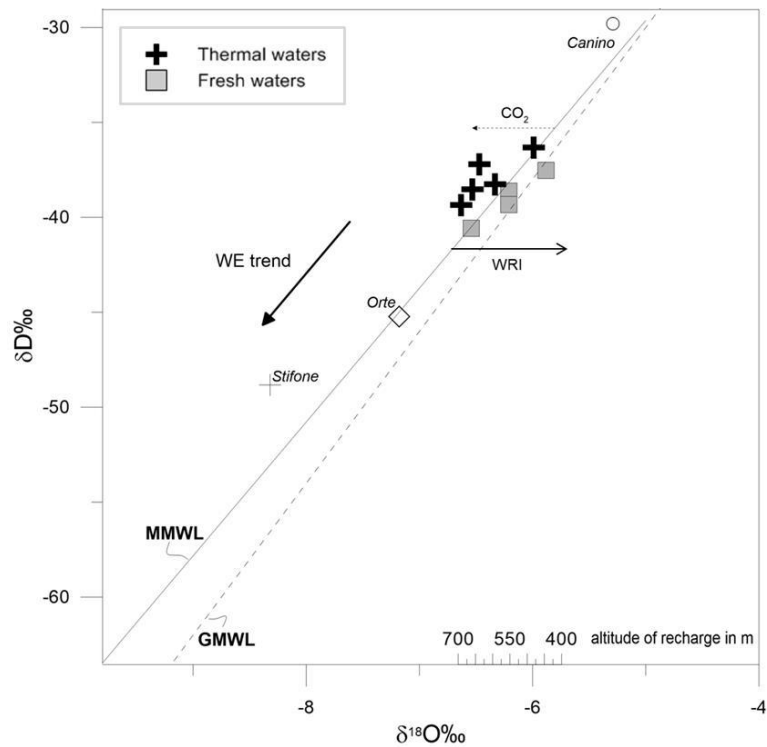


Figure 7. Water stable isotopes of the Cimino-Vico groundwater compared to the Global Meteoric Water Line (GMWL) (Craig, 1961), the Mediterranean Meteoric Water Line (MMWL) (Longinelli and Selmo, 2003) and other springs from Central Italy (Minissale, 2004). The black arrow indicates the geographical trend from West to East. WRI - Water-Rock Interaction.

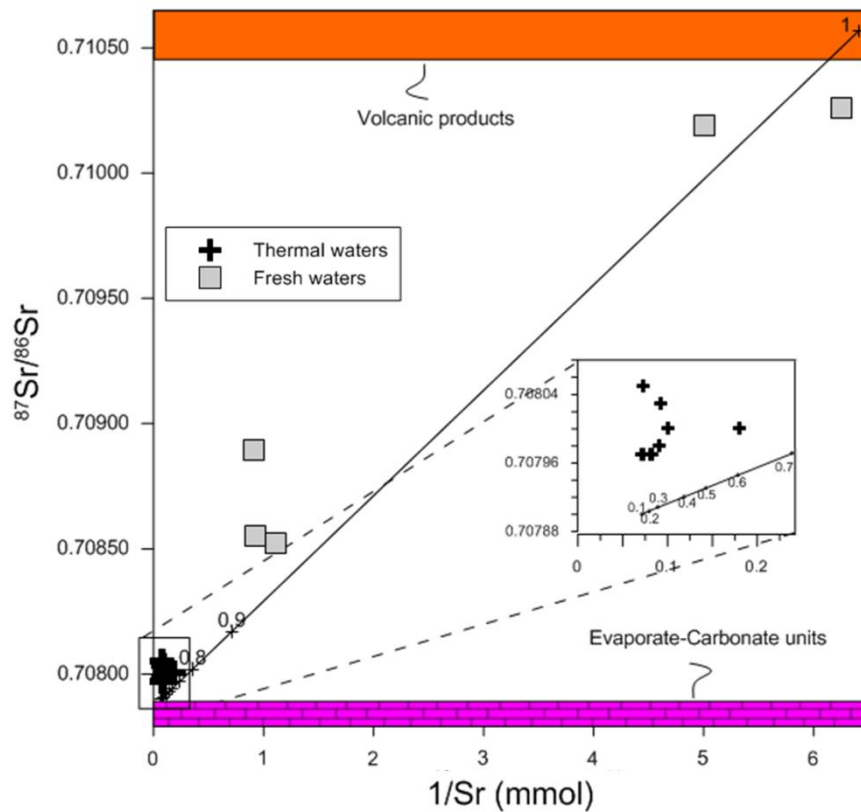
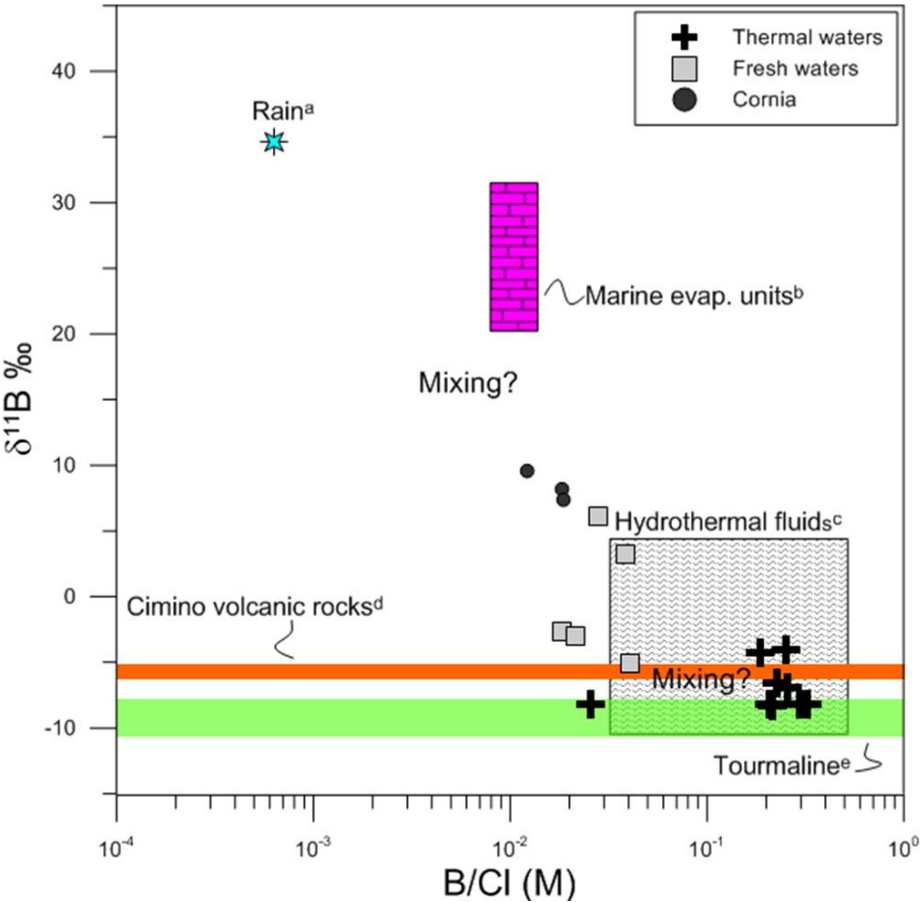


Figure 8.  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  vs  $1/\text{Sr}$  in the Cimino-Vico groundwater. The solid line is the calculated theoretical mixing line between the volcanic shallow aquifer end member and the evaporite-

529 carbonate units end member. The ratio of the Vico volcanic rocks is from Barbieri et al. (1979) and  
 530 Hurley et al. (1966). The Sr concentrations of the evaporate-carbonate end member are from Cinti  
 531 et al. (2014) and Minissale (2004).



532 Figure 9.  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  vs B/Cl Molar ratio showing samples from this study and from: a- Rain water  
 533 (Tonarini et al., 2009), b- Marine evaporite minerals (Barth, 1993), c- Hydrothermal fluids  
 534 (Aggarwal et al., 2000; Aggarwal et al., 2003; Boschetti et al., 2013; Millot et al., 2012; Palmer et  
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 537 2006).

539 Table 1. Physical parameters and chemical concentrations of groundwater in the Cimino-Vico district

Id	T°C	pH	EC μS	Ca mg/L	Mg mg/L	Na mg/L	K mg/L	HCO <sub>3</sub> mg/L	Cl mg/L	SO <sub>4</sub> mg/L	SiO <sub>2</sub> mg/L	Sr mg/L	B mg/L	δ <sup>18</sup> O ‰	δD ‰	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	δ <sup>11</sup> B ‰
<i>Fresh waters</i>																	
2	17.3	7.4	719	58.2	17.0	49.3	15.9	275	76.5	35.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	20.0	7.0	603	64.6	12.8	27.2	23.5	160	35.6	117	75.4	0.90	0.15	-6.2	-38.6	0.70852	-2.62
13	24.2	6.4	446	67.0	13.8	24.7	17.0	186	24.1	123	63.5	1.10	0.26	-6.2	-39.3	0.70889	-3.00
14	19.4	7.8	305	9.32	6.71	15.9	25.5	122	20.4	14.8	61.2	0.20	0.22	-6.5	-40.6	0.71019	6.12
15	18.7	6.9	303	17.8	6.20	18.5	15.9	150	23.4	24.2	-	0.16	0.02	-	-	0.71026	3.25
15	19.5	7.2	476	25.3	5.80	33.7	37.4	177	29.6	33.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	18.1	6.8	753	107	13.8	36.0	25.6	397	45.8	112	78.1	1.08	0.26	-5.9	-37.5	0.70855	-5.00
22	18.7	7.1	771	82.1	13.7	37.1	45.0	308	26.1	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	19.9	6.7	749	85.3	17.3	28.2	52.8	488	19.2	23.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	20.3	7.6	342	18.5	5.10	15.9	29.9	128	17.9	32.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Thermal waters</i>																	
1	62.2	6.1	3170	558	146	33.8	31.5	1071	14.2	1968	49.4	12.3	1.12	-6.5	-37.2	0.70797	-6.99
3	60.0	6.3	2980	535	126	41.8	39.3	1129	14.5	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	27.3	6.0	2460	473	120	34.2	32.9	638	9.01	1497	55.1	9.94	1.05	-6.0	-36.3	0.70800	-4.12
5	62.0	6.5	3010	585	143	34.5	32.1	1105	17.6	2268	49.7	11.0	1.12	-6.5	-38.5	0.70798	-4.25
6	57.0	6.5	2720	520	120	31.0	26.0	1145	14.5	1080	-	12.0	0.25	-	-	0.70797	-6.58
7	25.3	7.0	1720	243	73.5	33.4	71.1	619	12.4	727	-	5.61	1.08	-	-	0.70800	-8.24
8	54.7	6.5	2680	500	91.9	36.1	43.6	976	16.8	1051	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	41.1	6.3	3030	616	125	40.6	41.1	1037	14.2	1265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	37.6	6.7	3400	608	141	41.8	39.6	976	12.8	1589	-	13.5	0.06	-	-	0.70805	-8.24
12	57.9	6.2	3190	681	149	32.5	31.1	1086	17.0	2845	48.3	13.7	1.15	-6.6	-39.3	0.70797	-8.37
16	59.6	6.1	3160	559	94.8	30.8	36.9	946	17.1	1228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	31.1	5.8	2660	524	98.5	31.1	31.5	1040	19.0	1820	64.8	10.8	1.15	-6.3	-38.3	0.70803	-8.24
19	48.4	6.0	2700	474	95.9	36.6	37.4	1050	16.7	1099	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	51.4	6.1	3270	1003	155	32.8	46.0	1220	16.5	2579	-	14.0	1.56	-	-	0.70797	-8.24